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VASFA SAYS 'THANK YOU' TO PRESS

—Trustees honored

By JOHN d'ANDREA

Victorian Soccer said "thank you" to old friends and no doubt made new ones, when the V.A.S.F.A. entertained gentlemen of The Press, Radio and Television, Olympic Park Trustees and representatives from W. D. & H. O. Wills (Craven "A" International Cup) and Ampol Petroleum Ltd. (Ampol Night Series).

Thirty-eight leading citizens, news and sporting executives attended the first, and most successful, publicity dinner given by the VASFA at the Savoy Plaza on Wednesday, August 9.

The value of this gesture in goodwill, public relations and understanding can hardly be gauged at first sight.

The response and the attendance was a tribute to soccer and its development and many familiar and well-known personalities who would not have attended a soccer function a few years ago, were happy to be there.

There was an International atmosphere about the night and it was not just the fact that people from at least six nationalities sat around a table; all sports were mentioned and praised, while a frank discussion took place on many problems affecting soccer public relations.

The guests were received by VASFA Chairman, Mr. W. R. Thomas, assisted by the Publicity Chairman, Fred Villiers. The VASFA Executive also was there.

The toast to the Olympic Park Trustees was proposed by Mr. W. R. Thomas on behalf of the Association. He told the history of the old Park and the improvements which have taken place, thanks to the present Trustees.

Mr. P. L. Coleman, Chairman, answered on behalf of the Trustees.

The toast to Press, Radio and TV was proposed on behalf of VASFA and the Olympic Park Trustees, by their deputy chairman, Cr. M. Nathan.

The response was made by Mr. F. B. Daly, Editor of The Sun, and Mr. G. Hawksley, Editor of The Sporting Globe.

The toast to VASFA was proposed by Bill Fleming, the doyan of the Press Gallery.

In the second, less formal, part of the evening, speakers were: C. Macfarlan and A. Barr (The Age), A Dunn (The Sun), G. Cope (ABV2) R. Casey (3DB-HSV7) and Mr. P. P. Page (Olympic Park Trustees).

Mr. W. R. THOMAS . . . our capable chairman who won many friends for soccer at the dinner.

Mr. Coleman thanked Soccer for helping itself and Olympic Park and outlined plans for future improvement, including cover for the outer, lighting, etc., reduction in rent charges in the future and the possibility of the Trustees joining VASFA in Soccer promotions.

Cr. M. Nathan touched a wide variety of subjects in his speech and went from the progress of Soccer to the position of Olympic Park and suggests that the press may have more consideration for sponsors of sporting events!

Cr. Nathan was thanked by Mr. Thomas, who wished him, on behalf of the Council, good luck for his bid for the Lord Mayoralty.

Mr. F. B. Daly, Editor of The Sun, touched briefly on the subject of sponsored sporting promotions and went on to acknowledge the development of the code, which now deserved an increasing space, although at times information was still withheld.

Mr. G. Hawksley, Editor of The Globe, claimed with pride to have been among the first to recognize big space to soccer.

Mr. W. Fleming in proposing the Toast made a short history of the last ten years of soccer in Victoria.

Mr. Fleming, The Herald soccer writer, was formerly with The Argus and The Sporting Globe.

J.U.S.T. State League Team: Top row (Left to right): M. Buha (R. Half), T. Waldbauer (C. Half), S. Jankovic (Goal), M. Klein (R. Back), T. Rodek (L. Back), F. Micic (R. Half), S. Zakomarok (Coach).
Bottom row: B. Bon (Masseur), E. Marinovic (O. R.), A. Beattie, Capt. (Centre) K. Schroeder (I.L.), D. McKinven (O. Left), W. Ladehof (I. Right), A. Beattie, Capt. (Centre), K. Schroeder (I.L.), D. McKinven (O. Left).

Photo by Soccer News photographer John Lethaby.

Soccer player seeks a club

WORK WANTED. — Eligible English soccer player would like to meet SA soccer club with view to playing football.

The player, 22-year-old Arnold Jennings, played as a half-back for the British club Sunderland for more than two seasons, including a spell in the First Division.

Jennings was approached in England by the Bankstown (NSW) club and migrated to Australia a year ago.

Bankstown won the Ascot Cup the same year with its 6 ft. 1¼ in. recruit playing full back.

"I married an Adelaide girl and she wanted to live here", Jennings said yesterday.

According to a Sydney report Jennings has been cleared to SA — **Adelaide "Advertiser."**

ROSEBUD TRIP

Park Rangers Soccer Club will spend a weekend down at Rosebud soon where several friendly matches are to be played between the local team and themselves.

SLMC appoints secretary

VASFA Council has endorsed the State League Management Committee recommendation that a State Lengue Secretary be appointed.

The Secretary's duties will be to compose the agenda from items submitted by clubs, to receive and circularize suggestions and proposed motions to be discussed at SLMC meetings, and to compile the minutes.

Mr. John d'Andrea was appointed.

New clubrooms for Corio club

The Committee of Corio S.C. have launched an appeal to their members and supporters of the code in the area to raise funds for the erection of a club house next to the ground, which is now used for their home games.

Anybody interested in helping or desiring more information contact Corio S.C. officials.

SOCCER VISITOR

The president of English Soccer Club Arsenal arrived in Sydney last week to have a look at Australian soccer.

He is Mr. R. Bellingan, an alderman on London City Council.

He will spend about four weeks in Australia.

"I will visit Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide," he said.

"Australian Soccer players are thought of very highly in Britain.

"I hope to see a number of games while I am here.

"When I return to England I shall tell the directors of my club about the performances of your players."

CONFERENCE WITH ALL COUNTRY ASSOCIATIONS

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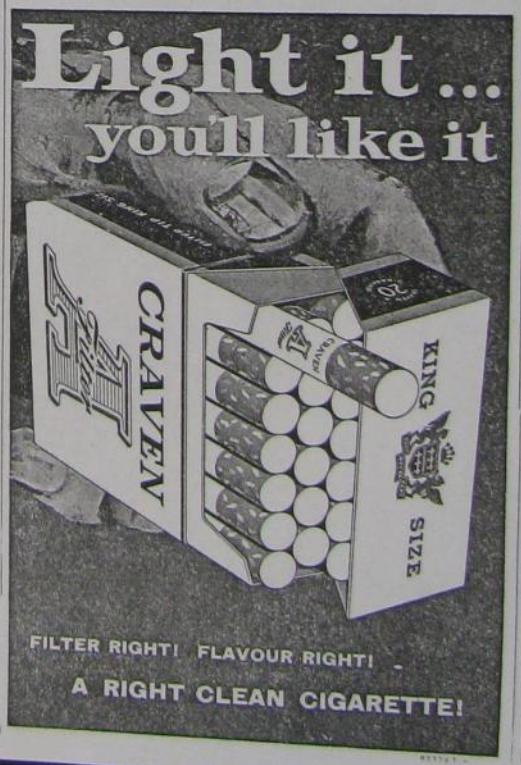

Essendon win way to the final

By ALBERT MERRILLS

In the J. J. Liston Cup semi final, Essendon defeated Springvale 2-1. On a greasy ground the teams found it hard to control the ball. When they had got used to the tricks of the ball, both teams pressed hard with both goalies saving well.

Essendon were the first to score through Snow who had been playing well and was the most dangerous Essendon forward.

In the second half Springvale put on the pressure and Essendon threw everything into the defence.

Centre half Goeman was the star of the defence and it was through him clearing well that Essendon got their second goal with a pass to right winger Favero who centred to Snow who scored with a low drive.

Ten minutes later Springvale scored their first goal when Lorest lobbed the ball over the advancing goalkeeper's head.

Springvale then put the pressure on until the final whistle but were unable to score again.

MIGHTY MIDGETS

Essendon's Mighty Midgets proved they were still mighty when without four of their stars they defeated old rivals Sunshine City who were without one of their best players.

After a period of even play the Dons were awarded a penalty but failed to convert.

S. Loughran scored from a poor goal kick and then combined well with G. Rees to give the City backs a real headache.

In the second half an error in defence by the Dons let Mulloy in to equalise, but the left wing pair got going for the Dons and G. Rees restored their lead which they held until the end for a surprise win.

Best for Sunshine were Fenech, Poloni and Szabo.

For the Dons K. Rees excelled in goal and used the ball to good effect. S. Loughran and G. Rees also starred and were supported by Goeman, Bonomi, Panowski and Hollows.

AJAX WIN

The Under 18 team went down 3-2 against Ajax.

John Rossetto was outstanding at right half.

The Dons were at best equal to Ajax in general play but the goal-keeper did not have the best of days.

GEORGE CROSS WIN

In the 2nd Round replay of the Under 16 Miller Cup George Cross beat Moorabbin City 4-0, scoring all four in the first half.

Ciantar opened the score after 10 minutes and soon afterwards kicked the second goal from the same position.

Crivellaro with his back to the goal post scored the third and one minute before half time Dimech placed the ball into the corner of the net to give George Cross a four goal lead.

In the second half Moorabbin improved but were unable to score.

George Cross Under 18 recorded a win over Sunshine Heights but did not make the most of their opportunity to make a big score and this could mean loss of the premiership on goal average.

Shipley, Sallba (who had the hat trick) and Conti scored in the first half.

Sunshine Heights were hard pressed and scored an own goal.

Vassallo scored twice in the second half bringing George Cross's total to 8, but just before full time Sunshine scored one, bringing to final score to 8-1.

CITY DRAW

Sunshine City and Melbourne Under 18's played to a draw before a crowd that appreciated good soccer.

With no official referee for the game Mr. C. Buttigig, an official of the George Cross Club, took charge and his handling of it was first-class.

Sunshine kicked off and went into attack, scoring in the first three minutes through outside left Hilton who left the goalkeeper flat footed with a terrific drive.

The game then swung from end to end with the defences holding well.

In the 35th minute Rowbottom scored Sunshine's second goal with a low drive, giving them a two goal lead at half time.

On resumption Melbourne attacked and scored their first goal after three minutes. Keeping up the attack they scored again after eight minutes.

Abonyi, Melbourne's outside right was the boy Sunshine could not stop and it was mainly through his good passing that Melbourne managed to draw.

Final score 2-2.

CUP FINAL

The Under 14 J. J. Liston Cup Final will be played at Olympic Park on August 20 between Trident and Essendon.

A good game is expected.

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UNDER 12

I.C.I. w.o., Aspendale —
Sunshine C. w.o., Wilhelmina —
St. Kilda 4, Essendon 1
Olympia 1, Brooklyn Hos. 0
J.U.S.T. w.o., S.M.-Hellas —

UNDER 14 SOUTH

Aspendale "A" 1, Springvale 4

UNDER 16—3RD ROUND MILLER CUP

St. Kilda 8, Dandenong C. 2
G. Cross 1, Brighton 4
Ajax 1, Ardeer 0
Hakoah 2, North Sunshine 4

UNDER 18

B. Hill H.S. 0, Sunsh'e C. 10
Box Hill 14, Sunshine H. 0
George Cross—Bye
Hakoah 1, Melbourne 2
Sandring'm C. 1, H.A.S.K. 7
Essendon 7, Croydon 1
Ajax 4, Trident 1

Junior tables

UNDER 12

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. Kilda	13	3	0	48	7	29
Brook'n H.	12	2	2	64	10	26
Olympia	10	3	3	35	8	23
Sunshine C.	6	6	4	48	19	18
Essendon	6	3	7	25	37	15
J.U.S.T.	5	4	7	14	45	14
S.M.-Hellas	6	1	8	49	15	13
Wilhelmina	5	2	9	13	33	12
I.C.I.	3	2	11	20	58	6
Aspendale	1	0	15	3	88	2

UNDER 18

Ajax	15	3	2	81	21	33
Sunsh'e C.	14	3	3	109	17	31
G. Cross	13	4	2	70	17	30
Box Hill	13	3	3	77	22	29
Essendon	12	3	5	66	20	27
Melbourne	12	3	5	104	29	27
H.A.S.K.	11	2	6	54	26	24
Trident	9	2	8	51	44	20
Hakoah	9	0	9	44	30	18
Croydon	5	0	15	41	95	10
Sandring'm	3	1	15	43	98	7
B. Hill H.S.	3	0	14	9	150	6
Sunshine H.	3	0	15	7	185	6

JUNIOR SUMMER COACHING SCHEME

A summer coaching scheme by the Junior Committee has been referred to the Executive for action.

Another proposal referred to the Executive was that of interest to primary schools soccer teachers.

Goalkeeper is married

Twenty-four year old Wilhelmina goalkeeper Rudy van Altena married Miss Lisbeth Holt, 21 year old domestic art teacher at Watsonia Technical School on August 3.

The ceremony took place at the Lutheran Church, Parliament Place, and Mr. W. Timmermans was best man.

Rudy van Altena is a physical education instructor with the Education Department.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. van Altena.

NEW PLAYER FOR POLONIA

Agnes Morks, wife of John Morks, Polonia's goalkeeper, gave birth last week to a boy, their first son.

We join their many friends in sending best wishes to the newly born soccer star, who will be named Danny.

PASSING SHOTS

with John d'Andrea

VASFA Chairman Bill Thomas qualified for an "Enimy" at his ABV2 appearance for an interview recently. His diplomatic answers will long be remembered at Elsternwick.

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IF Juventus have failed to defeat George Cross this year—they drew twice—at least the black and white reserves were the first to defeat the George Cross reserves at West Heidelberg.

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HAVE heard a whisper that the next team which fails to wear black pants at Olympic Park (either their own or those supplied by the Association) will be in for a big surprise and it will cost them more than the price of a set or the laundry bill!

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HAVE you read the advertisement W. D. & H. O. Wills placed in The Sporting Globe the Saturday prior to the second replay of Malta-Greece? They hope anybody watching the International Series will enjoy a Craven "A". We hope that all the smokers of Craven "A" will come and enjoy Soccer.

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TALKING about W. D. & H. O. Wills I have heard they are the only people losing out of the Greece-Malta match. The crowd is getting more good soccer, the clubs are getting more money but the Wills people had to award 6 cartons of cigarettes to the best in each side, instead of two. (Bet they will square things with the extra publicity value out of the replays).

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THE newsy style of GTV9 Soccer segment by Alex Barr is possibly the secret of its success. With the quick, witty and caustic remarks on the 'rival' code, it will not be long, I guess, before the A.N.F.C. will start a "I hate Alex Barr Week".

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V.S.R.A. official Emil Hecht took a Saturday off from active duty to go and see some of the young up and coming referees. He walked to Princess Park and asked a young fellow leaning on the goal post and reading a book what was the score. The answer came back as quick as a flash: "I am the GOALKEEPER, but I don't know". Emil became more interested and quizzed the young player. So he learnt that the young fellow is a German, he plays basketball and as the team was short of a man they asked him to fill in and he obliged. During the conversation a goal was scored against the German 'basketball' soccer goalkeeper. Emil still doesn't know what the result of that match is!

Goal averages

By JOHN SLADE

AFTER the surprise results of August 5, when Preston, Austria, and Dandenong — all dropped points to teams near the bottom of the ladder, nothing would surprise in the final two rounds.

How PRESTON dropped a point to FRANKSTON is beyond me, but hearty congratulations to FRANKSTON for their terrific effort, also to STH. YARRA.

It's good to see these two teams striking their colours and making a "last stand" to stop in 1st Div. South.

Some very interesting games will be played today and the results will have a bearing on the final positions in this year's ladder.

SELECTIONS: BRIGHTON, YALLOURN, PRESTON, GEELONG.

With this year's soccer drawing to its final stages, main point of interest is in who is for the **"HIGH JUMP."** ROSEBUD, F.N.D. and ESSENDON are very near the razor's edge, and a game lost or won can make all the difference.

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Soccer crowds keep growing !

AUSTRALIA WIDE FOLLOWING

Melbourne, Saturday: — Soccer is making inroads into Australian sports as a top crowd-puller.

• *John Gavegan, the Melbourne representative of the Sydney Telegraph, has sent this glowing despatch on the growth of soccer in Melbourne to his newspaper.*

Soccer followers have long argued that the game is the only "true" football. . . .

They refer to Rugby League as "handball", and Australian Rules as "aerial ping-pong".

Whatever the truth or otherwise in the arguments, Soccer in the past few years has rocketed from being a pastime for "eccentric enthusiasts" to big business.

Today, particularly in Melbourne, with the huge migrant population, top Soccer matches are beating all but Australian Rules League games in drawing power.

Crowds of more than 10,000 watch leading Soccer teams battle it out, and spectators more than match Australian Rules barrackers in vocal support.

In fact, the crowds are so fierce in their partisanship that squads of police are on duty regularly at all big Soccer matches to keep the peace.

The total gate at Olympic Park, headquarters of Soccer in Victoria, has grown from £150 in 1951 to £60,000 last season.

This year, according to the publicity officer of the V.A.S.F.A., takings are expected to be in the vicinity of £100,000.

The growth of Soccer has heartened administrators into the belief that one day Soccer will challenge the Victorian Football League hold on football crowds in Victoria.

JOBS WITH A FUTURE

The large influx of migrants into Australia over the past few years has boosted Soccer, and until recently it was largely confined to national groups and migrant followers.

While migrants continue to arrive, Soccer will continue to prosper.

There are 62 clubs affiliated with the V.A.S.F.A., with more than 3,900 senior players registered.

The Victorian Junior Soccer Association has 70 clubs and about 2,500 players besides about 100 country teams.

In the Latrobe Valley, in Victoria, Soccer has grown to the stage where the V.F.L. has decided to "take a look".

The V.A.S.F.A. has managed to interest a large number of schoolboys in the Latrobe Valley by presenting them with Soccer balls and instructions on how to play the game.

As a result, there are about 400 schoolboy Soccer players in the area in about 40 clubs.

400,000 FANS IN AUSTRALIA

Now the V.F.L. is getting behind the local senior Rules teams to lure the boys back to Australian Rules.

Footballs are to be given out, and top League players from Melbourne are going down to the Latrobe Valley to show the boys "big-time" Rules.

Soccer will grow and keep pace for a time until the children of migrants become Australian-minded and adopt Australian habits and sport.

It is a common spectacle now to watch New Australian children playing Australian Rules at school, and most are not interested in watching Soccer.

It is estimated that Soccer commands a total Australian following of about 400,000.

The big drawcard in Victoria is the State League Soccer Competition, in which 12 teams take part.

Originally they represented various migrant communities, and drew only the national followers.

Hellas drew the Greeks, Juventus the Italians, Hakoah the Jewish, Wilhelmina the Dutch, until at each match it was more of a national contest among both players and spectators, often to the point of serious outbreaks among the crowds and the players.

Now the national teams have taken on a mixture of nationalities, and include many Australian players.

But the clubs still retain

their national names, like Juventus for "youth", and Hakoah for "strength".

Many of the top Soccer clubs have star players from overseas, who have migrated to Australia, following the lure of incentive payments for playing and a lucrative job.

Many of these have passed their prime overseas, and are only too happy to come to Australia, where the future is brighter.

The partisan Greek, Italian, Polish, Dutch and Maltese communities give the migrant player an immediate standing in their midst, and set him up comfortably in his new country.

INFLUX OF MIGRANTS

Usually the migrant players, who come from Europe to play with teams of their own nationality, might have been capable of earning £20 a week as professionals.

But when they got too old to play they would have had no trade or profession to turn to for a living.

Most have their fares paid by their supporters here, and are found jobs with a future.

Today Australian top division Soccer is regarded as the equivalent of the English second division.

Administrators of Soccer in Australia are convinced that the game is headed for the top in Australia.

They are filching promising players from European clubs without paying transfer fees.

Soccer's international controlling body, a couple of years ago, outlawed Australia after five Austrian players returned to Australia without clearances and transfer fees to play with the Sydney team Prague, only a few months after an Australian tour.

Now Australia is outside the controlling body. European players can come here without clearances or transfer fees.

Although the European clubs are demanding big transfer fees for players, Australia continues to take them without paying.

Soccer now is firmly entrenched in second place as a spectator sport here, and will continue to grow.

ROSEBUD ARE CONFIDENT

Formed in 1951, Rosebud are 10 years old. Rosebud once played in the Peninsula Soccer Association.

Winning the premiership in 1952-53-54 and the Association's Cup in 1955.

Rosebud in 1956 joined the V.A.S.F.A. and played in the 2nd Div. South with mixed success.

Although not a top team, Rosebud had their share of wins and the "Buds" are a club that many are scared of and with reason.

In 1958 they stopped Ferntree Gully from promotion by beating them, when they only needed a draw and in 1959 Frankston had the same bad luck as they were stopped from promotion to the 1st Div.

In 1960 Rosebud and Frankston played three games to decide the winner entering the 3rd round of the Dockerty Cup. Frankston won by the odd goal after extra time.

Having no industry of importance and the majority of players self employed, the ways and means of attracting new players are very few.

With the disadvantage of being the only Soccer Club within a 25 mile radius the "Buds" have to travell to Melbourne and District every 2nd game and share their expenses together to do their part in promoting Soccer.

With the enthusiasm of their players' Committee and supporters they have persuaded the Flinders Shire Council into the construction of the "Rosebud Soccer Park", an all-year Soccer ground in the heart of Rosebud.

The Management Committee of this Park are all Soccer Club men and they will sure present Rosebud and the Peninsula with a Soccer ground, that will be open for coaching in the off-season to any interested Soccer Club that want to come down and play a game over the weekends.

Thus being comparatively small, Rosebud as being an outpost of Soccer in Aussie Rules territory, is proud of their record, name and are always willing to play friendly matches with any team that wants them.

Going through a team-building crisis they have lost by margins, never known in the Club history.

But their work will be paying off as higher rated Trident found out on the 22-7-1961 when they were sent home with a 6-0 defeat.

Rosebud is very confident and will be a force to reckon with in the years to come.

Relics of soccer

IF you were to visit Britain's only soccer museum at Hitchin in England you as a fan would probably spend hours gazing at a wonderful collection of mementos subscribed by supporters and clubs all over the world.

Founded in 1956 by Vic Wayling, Hitchin Towns secretary it was originally intended to be a record of that club only but items of interest from soccer fans all over the world poured in and so the museum took its present form.

Opened by Sir Stanley Rous, Secretary of the Football Association it seems an appropriate place as Hitchin Town was one of the association's original members and has done battle in the distant past with such teams as Spurs and Arsenal.

The museum houses a collection of Pennants, Shirts, Badges, Footballs, Cards, Newspapers and an assortment of all items connected with the game and in themselves all tell a story of bygone days.

One of the most distant links with the past is a match card of a game with the Gentleman and the players in 1884.

Teams consisted of a keeper, one full back, one half back and eight forwards and the referee in those days was called an Umpire.

Another card dated 1886 is of the Cup final between Preston and West Bromwich and so confident were Preston that they had their photographs taken with the cup before the game but West Brom. won.

One of the heaviest trophies on view is the Aubrey Cup which was donated for football many years ago to the town of Harpenden in Hertfordshire.

Weighing 39 pounds and made of bronze and lead it was dispensed with due to its weight and prior to finding its way to the museum it stood in the window of a famous firm of London hatters as a showpiece and later was used as a doorstep.

A soccer Iron Cross is on view and this was originally given to the famous Charlie Buchan when he refereed a match between two foundry teams in Sunderland. Anyone who controlled such a game evidently deserved a medal.

When Tommy Lawton was transferred from Chelsea to Notts County in 1947 he was the first player to fetch a £20,000 fee and this cheque is on view as a chapter of that era.

The number of badges runs into hundreds and most of them over half a century old and pennants, shirts etc. have come from Spain, Italy, Holland, Portugal, Germany, France, Austria, Russia etc.

One of the curios is the collar support worn by German and Manchester City keeper Bert Trautman after breaking his neck at Wembley.

A reminder of a famous man not associated with football is a Cigar presented by Sir Winston Churchill.

Not usually seen around a soccer ground Winnie is nevertheless a patron of non league club Woodford Town and he presented the Cigar after his side were defeated by Hitchin Town in an F.A. cup tie.

Mr. Vic Wayling would, I am sure, be delighted with any memento of Victorian Soccer so if any player or club would like to put themselves in the "shop window" send your items to him at this address:— H.Q., Hitchin Town F.C. Supporters Club, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, England.—JIM COOK

10 TEAMS PLAY IN Y.C.W. COMP,

I first came in contact with the Young Christian Workers Movement Sunday Soccer Competition when I was asked to sit on their Thursday night Tribunal, as an independent.

I have learnt of the hundreds of boys who play Sunday Soccer around Melbourne thanks to this competition which has now 10 teams.

The president is Bert De Luca, an active YCW official and editor of their paper. He has been converted to soccer from Australian rules.

The secretary is Sam Stokes, a former George Cross secretary.

The majority of the players are Maltese, Italians, German, Austrian and many Australians.

Referees are appointed by the V.S.R.A. through the offices of Joe Bartolo.

Discipline is strongly enforced and the percentage of offences is very low.

The age limit is 25.

Although the competition is mainly for Catholics through their Parish YCW branch, up to two non-catholics can play with each team.

John d'Andrea

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JIM COOK'S WORLD SOCCER ROUND-UP

BRAZIL

Pele, the youthful inside forward prodigy, who played such an important part when Brazil won the World Cup in Sweden, was on the eve of departure for Spain at a fabulous figure in the transfer arrangement when "Boom" down came ban implemented by the Brazilian President and — Pele must stay put and content himself on the Copacabana beach's golden sands of his own Brazil.

★

TURKEY

Players of Akra F.C. (Turkey) had lost 99 games in a row.

Preparing for the 100 coming up — they were drawn against the league leaders.

But, the leaders failed to arrive and Akra had a win at last—by a walk-over.

★

GIBRALTAR

A R.A.F. touring soccer side recently played at Gibraltar and included in their line up local boy Tony Macedo of Fulham.

On a small outpost like the "Rock" the gate receipts exceeded £700 at Victoria Stadium.

The Gibraltar F.A. only five clubs strong has a good man at the helm with the fascinating name of Joe Stych.

★

HOLLAND

The Dutch Soccer League KNVB is contemplating drastic changes in their set ups for season 1962-63.

The top semi-pro. league which now has 18 clubs will be reduced to 16, the first division will be similarly reduced and the two second divisions which both comprise 18 clubs will also be axed to 16.

★

WALES

New player manager of Third Division Newport County is Bobby Evans the former Celtic and Chelsea centre half.

Bobby who will play himself at right half had 62 full international and league caps for Scotland.

★

SCOTLAND

Remember big George Farm who kept goal for Blackpool on their 1958 Australian tour?

Well George capped seven times by Scotland finished his playing career with Queen of the South and a few weeks ago was appointed their manager.

★

EUROPE

Europe's soccer chiefs who recently conferred in Berne thoroughly discussed the question of referees different interpretation of the rules in international games.

The job of trying to find or work out a satisfactory solution to this difficult problem was given to Mr. Willie Terris the President of the Scottish Football League!

Mr. Terris would appear to be ideally suited for this assignment as he is a former player, a Scottish club director and most important of all a practicising Lawyer.

PORTUGAL

"Win a European Cup Winners medal and go to jail!"

Sounds like the well-known game of Monopoly but in fact that's what happened to coloured Santana of the Beneficia side of Portugal.

Along with three other coloured African Portuguese he was accused in the university town of Coimbra of pro-Communist activities and spent a short time in jail before being recently released.

The other three players are still inside.

SPAIN

The transfer fee which Barcelona received from Milan for Luis Suarez is officially reported to be £150,000 but that is only a drop in the ocean to the Spanish club!

Barcelona are in debt to the tune of one million pounds sterling to the contractors of their new stadium.

This club which has gambled furiously and spent lavishly on buying players suffered a great set back when they lost to Beneficia in the European Cup final.

The oldest lesson in football management was brought home to them: "that money alone can't ensure success on the field."

★

SWITZERLAND

Fifty of Europe's top team coaches recently had a tough training and refresher course in Switzerland.

The party's headquarters were on the slopes of a well-known mountain.

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IRELAND

Irish international forward Ian Lawther of Sunderland has changed clubs.

Ian has joined Blackburn Rovers for a fee in the region of £18,000.

★

AMERICA

Finalists in the New York Summer Soccer Tournament are Everton of England and Dukla of Czechoslavakia.

★

ITALY

The Welsh idol of Juventus is reported to be quitting Italian soccer after this season.

Charles has stated that he wishes his three young children to be educated in England but the problem would arise whether any U.K. club would pay the fee required by Juventus.

Juventus secretary Peingiorgo Amerio, however, has recently stated that they aren't keen to release Charles who had a large say in their premiership win last season.

The betting boys have already the Italian champions for next season.

According to their book prices Juventus are again tipped as premiers at 7-4 with Milan and Internazionale at 2-1 and 5-2 respectively.

After all the Hulabaloo about Jimmy Greaves the former Chelsea star now happily settled with Milan is to have his portrait in canvas hung in Milan's Hall of Fame.

ENGLAND

The English League Cup tournament which was inauguarated last season and which could hardly be termed a success has received a severe set back: Top teams Burnley, Manchester United, Arsenal, Wolves, Sheffield Wednesday, West Bromwich and Liverpool have withdrawn from the competition which is not compulsory.

The tournament was run and designed on similar lines to the Scottish League Cup which has run successfully for years and its main object was to bolster the finances of the smaller clubs with the all in draw.

Games are played in midweek under floodlights.

Matt Busby has signed a player he has chased for a long time!

He is big Davie Herd, the Arsenal and Scottish international centre-forward for whom Matt is reputed to have paid a fee of £35,000.

★

CHILE

Chile, the host nation for next year's Soccer World Cup, is making sure rain wil not ruin the finals.

Chile has chosen four venues for the final series, which will comprise 16 matches.

The venues are Arica, Santiago, Vina del Mar, and Rancague.

Seven of the 16 matches will be played at Arica, which has the distinction of the lowest recorded rainfall on earth.

★

SCOTLAND

The first ever fixture between the Scottish Football League and the Italian Football League will be played in Glasgow in November.

Fast raiding winger Ally McLeod, the former Third Lanark and Blackburn player has joined Hibernian for an undisclosed fee.

One of Scotland's most travelled players in the "close season" has been Hearts reserve keeper Jim Cruickshank!

Jim has travelled by motor scooter through Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Austria, Germany, Belgium, Holland and France on his holidays.

★

AUSTRALIA

Recent headline reports in a Scottish newspaper give prominence to offers which Sydney club Gladesville are reputed to have made to certain Scottish players.

According to the report McPhail of Clyde, Townsend of Third Lanark, Brownlee of Bradford and Marshall of Hibs have been offered:—

A guaranteed weekly wage of £30, plus £5 bonus, plus £5 weekly retaining fee to be banked until the end of the two year contract, plus a job in the Sydney docks at a wage which would nett the players over £50 per week in all.

Townsend has already left and McPhail and Brownlee are expected to follow soon but Marshall, although he has signed a contract is now likely to join Welsh Club Newport County. Marshall has written to the Scottish Football Association asking how he stands and is expected to be told that since Australia is under a ban by the F.I.F.A. he can break his contract with Gladesville.

HUNGARY

Recent reports that famous team manager Lajos Baroti of the Hungarian national team had been suspended or sacked are without substance.

Baroti will be in charge of Hungary's South American trip in December in which they will play five games as a preliminary warm up for the World Cup finals.

GERMANY

Hungarian keeper Fazekas of Bayern Munchen F.C. has joined Hessen Kassel and Yugoslav inside forward of the same club has thrown in his lot with Torino F.C.

★

ITALY

Soccer controllers in Italy are having worries about clubs- insistence in importing players.

Since the war Italian clubs have imported more than 230 players — 103 from South America, 53 from behind the Iron Curtain, 48 from Scandinavia, 29 from Western Europe and Britain, and even an Icelander.

The biggest snag with the Italian Soccer controllers is that the Italian Olympic Committee runs the State-sponsored Toto (football pools).

The Olympic Committee has handed over a large sum from the pools to the Italian Soccer Association on condition that it does not allow any more foreigners in.

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They want pro. soccer in Poland

LONDON — Soccer sham-amateurism is becoming a problem in Poland.

Sxtandard, one of Poland's leading clubs, has put forward a proposal to introduce professional soccer.

The club says its amateur players are demanding bigger and bigger fees.

It claims it will be forced out of soccer unless professionalism is introduced and maximum limits of pay enforced.

The day Russia lost 16-0

The highest score in an International match: Germany 16, Russia 0— in the consolation round of the 1912 Olympic Games at Stockholm.

(No consolation for Russia).

G. Fuchs scored 10 of the 16 goals, and so is listed as the highest individual scorer in an international.

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By DON SUTHERLAND

THE STATE LEAGUE competition this year has been the most closely contested for many years and it appears most unlikely that the exact competition of the "Final Four", or of the two clubs to be relegated, will be known until the completion of the final round of fixtures. George Cross, Polonia, and Wilhelmina have all had wonderful seasons.

The premiership seems almost certain to go to one of these clubs with a slight personal preference at this stage for Polonia although I feel that George Cross may well emerge as Final Four Champions.

At the other end of the ladder a desperate struggle is taking place between Moreland, Box Hill and Richmond.

With a little bit of overdue luck I feel that Richmond may just avoid relegation, although this encounter with Box Hill, which will have taken place by the time this appears in print, may well decide the issue.

THE winner of the "Craven A" award for the best player in the Greece team which drew with Malta on Sunday, 6th August, was **George Papodopoulous.**

MR. ALEX KERR

The carton of 200 cigarettes will be very welcome to him as he dearly loves his 'puff', although he reckons that to keep up to coach **Manny Poulakakis'** heavy training schedule he will have to give up his smoking for a while!

serves this season. He greatly helped the team to consolidate their attack and has scored many goals.

If his present form continues, we are likely to see him included in the Polonia first team on many occasions next year.

The same can be said for **R. Szczepanski,** and particularly outside-right **R. Dronia** whose long absence from the first team has surprised many keen Polonia supporters.

A. Czerkaski, a popular Polonia player is receiving congratulations on becoming a father and we are pleased to report that **Mrs. Czerkaski** and her baby-son are doing well. Polonia is looking forward to the time when young Czerkaski will take his father's place on the Polonia forward line!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK. WINNING IS IMPORTANT—BUT THE WAY IN WHICH ONE TRIES TO WIN IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING!

STH. MELB.-HELLAS have certainly had a long run without a winning result but it should not be long before they register another victory.

One of their most consistent players who has received little publicity, but who has made real contribution to the consistency of Hellas, is **Steve Kalligeros.**

He has rarely turned in a poor game and with **Basil Kourkoulakos** back at centre-half the Greek team has a very solid defence.

In common with several other teams Hellas badly need a goal-serving centre-forward.

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SANDRINGHAM CITY members and players were deeply shocked at the recent death, following a road accident, of one of their most popular and consistent 1st team players in Joe Sullivan.

Joe came out from Ireland some years ago and his two great loves were Soccer and Gaelic football and he was a regular star player at both sports. Joe will be long remembered as a friend and a true sportsman.

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THE return of George Cross' star outside-right, **Lolly Vella** after breaking his leg on April 2nd is typical of the courageous Vella brothers.

His first re-appearance was for Malta in the recent game against Greece.

Although favouring his leg after his first run, his first remark in the dressing-room after the game was "I thought I could do it—now I'm sure I can!"

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GEORGE CROSS have another 'Players and Officials' party at their club rooms at 16 Stawell Street, West Melbourne (opposite North Melbourne station) after the Polonia game today.

Naturally, they hope it will be a victory cum championship party. They will be joined by any supporters who wish to attend the dance from 6.30 p.m. onwards. (The party has a liquor licence, of course!)

The new clubrooms have two table-tennis tables and a full-size 'Poola' table, and these are attracting many members to enter competitions now being formed—if your name isn't down do it now!

The club is open seven nights of the week.

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WITH the recent attendances this season, particularly at Olympic Park, one of the busiest V.A.S.F.A. officials has been popular Treasurer **Alec Kerr.**

Alec has controlled our Association finances for many years now, and the healthy position of V.A.S.F.A. finances at the present time is a real tribute to his administrative capacity.

While his duties have been mainly connected with f. & S., Alec Kerr has rendered real service to Soccer in many ways and he is practically a foundation member of the capable V.A.S.F.A. Executive Committee.

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SOCCER is continuing to flourish in the Latrobe Valley. I was recently discussing the progress with Yallourn players and officials, including coach, **Harry Bogan,** who has two senior teams and six junior teams in his care.

Yallourn right-back, **John Lawson** was telling me how, earlier in the season, the Soccer club sent a deputation round to each of the State Schools to invite interested boys to join them for training on a certain night.

The club hoped for 30-50 boys to turn up but were highly delighted when no less than 130 boys arrived.

They say that the Victorian Rules club did the same thing two weeks later and got less than 30 boys to turn up!

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BOX HILL FANS BEWILDERED

SIR,—Box Hill followers are bewildered over Mr. Alex Barr's remarks at his T.V. appearance after their win over Juventus.

Three weeks before this game Mr. Barr predicted Box Hill would cause some upsets against better placed teams, when they do just this, Mr. Barr casts aspersions on the integrity of the two clubs concerned by suggesting the stewards be called in.

Surely Mr. Barr does not really imagine that Juventus would willingly lose their chance of the final four for Box Hill's sake?

I can recall Mr. Barr's remarks in "The Age," on the morning of the Box Hill-Juventus match, when he said "Today Box Hill may regret parting with its ex-star Bobby McLeish who will take the field for Hakoah."

Bobby was in the Hillmen's side, and at no time has there been any suggestion of them parting with him, in any case transfers between VSFA members closed three weeks prior to this date, as Mr. Barr should know.

—Yours, L. H. MINTER, 22 Koroit St., Nunawading.

SHOCKED READER

SIRS — As a regular reader of Soccer News, I was shocked upon reading the article which deals with the forecasts of today's matches and unfortunately the writer's name does not appear.

I am a Melbourne supporter, a club which has the least goodwill in your paper, as I hardly ever read any news or comments that might refer to — let's call it — my club. While other State League teams and clubs are pampered and coddled by the "News", all we get is silence, as if we were not even in existence.

This went even so far, in an article written by a Mr. Duncan McDougall previewing the day's matches, our game with Hakoah wasn't even mentioned, because the very name of Melbourne should have been printed.

In today's issue we got it that Melbourne, are using "tactics, that can only be described as dirty." Do you know, or does the writer know, that during the previous season, some of our players have been ordered off by the referee, and in the present season only one of our boys was sent off and this occurred in the 88th minute. Which other team has such a record?

Your correspondent, or maybe he is a regular contributor, has overlooked these facts.

What sort of dirty tactics does he have to refer to? With dirty tactics a team usually wins a game and not loses it, as we did lose the last six games.

Should this unknown scribbler have seen these losing games and if he is the least expert and not at all prejudiced he would have seen, that our misfortunes in not gaining a single point was already a calamity, as we were many a times superior to our opponetns.

—Yours,
Alexander Enten
6 Wilmar Str.,
Bentleigh

USE TACT

SIRS,—At a recent Rangers match, a certain player was heard accusing players of not pulling their weight. Did it ever occur to him that a poor carpenter always blames his tools.

Some players are easily upset, so wouldn't a gentle word, rather than a show of temper be more effective. Why lose the respect of team mates when a simple solution is found in this saying.

"If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all."

—Yours, A. E. BAILEY, Tyler Street, E. Preston.

★

REPLY

Duncan McDougall's reply to Mr. Enten:—

Having seen Melbourne during 4 of their 6 successive defeats, culminating in the roughest exhibition of soccer by both teams during the Melbourne-Wilhelmina game I finalized my growing opinion and based my comment after that particular match.

In the first 15 minutes a certain Melbourne player should have received his marching orders. The referee, perhaps wisely at that stage—the Melbourne followers are not innocents abroad—refrained from using his full powers.

However, had the offending player been sent off and appeared in front of a British Rough Play Committee, he would certainly have received a sine die suspension.

The fact that few Melbourne players are ordered off, is merely a sad reflection on the laxity of the Disciplinary Committee, in failing to support referees' decisions, and certainly not due to the alleged exemplary conduct of the Port Melbourne "angels"!

The incident I referred to, flash-pointed the crudest display of soccer I have seen since coming to Australia.

At the conclusion of play, the Melbourne supporters menaced the police-protected referee and a Wilhelmina player was struck with a bicycle.

Perhaps such conduct is accepted practice in Mr. Enten's country, where no doubt, in his native tongue, they have a word for it.

Fortunately in the equally expressive English language there is also a word and to describe the whole "performance" I had no hesitation in making use of it.

The preview omission of the Melbourne - Hakoah game was the publishers fault.

I include Melbourne in every article, for better or worse. The statement re the lack of publicity is ludicrous in view of the fact that the Melbourne club as far as giving information is concerned, are the most uncooperative team in the State League. Contrary to Mr. Enten's remarks my name appears in every preview. Failure to see the signature, suggests poor observation powers and as I never hide behind the cloak of anonymity, for the benefit of Mr. Enten's other eye —his non-Melbourne optic —my name again.

—Yours, D. Mc Dougall,
85, Fromer St.,
Bentleigh .

THE PICK OF THE POST

H. P. for the fans

London, Sat. — Friday night football on the hire-purchase system and a special bonus scheme for the players based on increased attendances.

This is the new season plan of Scunthorpe United Football Club.

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Said manager Dick Duckworth: "The club owes a lot to the veteran supporters.

"If they make written application each will be considered on its merits".

Of the Friday night fixture experiment instead of usual Saturday afternoon, Dick said: "Scunthorpe is a town of shift work.

"On Saturdays we get only one shift in four, but on Friday nights it will be three out of four.

"That, of course, will benefit the players as their wage increase is based on attendances".

Trainer honoured

Park Rangers sprung a surprise birthday gathering at the Middle Park club rooms for their trainer, Mr. W. (Bill) Peterson who, through his untiring efforts, has forged a bond of comradeship between players and officials.

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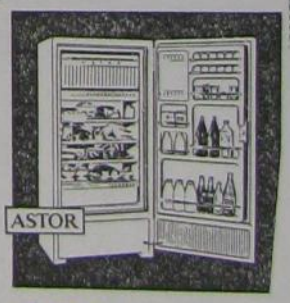

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Melbourne 3, S.M.-Hellas 0
Hakoah 2, Slavia 1
Polonia 2, Juventus 1
Wilhelmina 0, G. Cross 2
Richmond 1, Box Hill 0

STATE LEAGUE RES.

J.U.S.T. 3, Moreland 2
Melbourne 2, S.M.-Hellas 5
Hakoah 1, Slavia 2
Polonia 2, Juventus 0
Wilhelmina 1, G. Cross 4
Richmond 1, Box Hill 2

FIRST DIVISION NORTH

Fiorentina 2, Maccabi 0
Lions 7, Corio 0
Sunshine City 1, Croatia 2
Coburg 1, Moonee Ponds 2
Colling'd —, Footscray off

FIRST DIV. SOUTH

Brighton 4, Dandenong 1
Geelong 1, Austria 2
S. Yarra 1, Sandring'm 1
Yallourn 2, Preston 2
Frankston 0, Ferntree G. 6

SECOND DIV. NORTH

University 1, Sicilia 3
St. Albans 0, Alexander 4
Seymour 2, N. Olympia 2
Fairfield 2, I.C.I. 4
Heidelberg 0, Williamst'n 0

SECOND DIV. SOUTH

F.N.D. 1, Bayswater 4
Essendon 2, P. Rangers 8
Makedonia 3, Prahran 2
Oakleigh 2, Rosebud 2
Moorabbin w.o., Trident l.p.

FIRST DIV. NORTH RES.

M. Ponds 2, Moorabbin 2
Prahran 2, Coburg 0
Footscray 1, Lions 1
P. Rangers 1, Fiorentina 2
Maccabi 0, Sunshine C. 3

FIRST DIV. SOUTH RES.

Brighton 5, Dandenong 1
Geelong 0, Austria 8
South Yarra 0, Sandringham 2
Yallourn w.o., Preston l.p.
Frankston 3, Ferntree G. 3

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Ballarat 3, Florina 1
Springvale 0, Kensington 6
Bendigo 7, Commoh. Bank 1
W.W.F. 3, Ringwood 0
Triestina 0, Libertas 4

NEXT SATURDAY

STATE LEAGUE

Box Hill v Moreland
Richmond v S.M.-Hellas
J.U.S.T. v Slavia
Melbourne v Juventus
Hakoah v George Cross
Polonia v Wilhelmina

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

Box Hill v Moreland
Richmond v S.M.-Hellas
J.U.S.T. v Slavia
Melbourne v Juventus
Hakoah v George Cross
Polonia v Wilhelmina

FIRST DIVISION NORTH

Maccabi v Corio
Fiorentina v Croatia
Lions v Moonee Ponds
Sunshine City v Collingwood
Coburg v Footscray

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

Dandenong v Austria
Brighton v Sandringham
Geelong v Preston
South Yarra v Frankston
Yallourn v Ferntree Gully

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Sicilia v Alexander
University v Norlane Olympia
St. Albans v I.C.I.
Seymour v Heidelberg
Fairfield v Williamstown

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Bayswater v Park Rangers
F.N.D. v Prahran
Essendon v Rosebud
Makedonia v Moorabbin
Oakleigh v Trident

FIRST DIVISION NORTH RESERVES

Moorabbin v Coburg
Moonee Ponds v Lions
Prahran v Fiorentina
Footscray v Maccabi
Park Rangers v Sunshine City

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH RESERVES

Dandenong v Austria
Brighton v Sandringham
Geelong v Preston
South Yarra v Frankston
Yallourn v Ferntree Gully

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Florina v Kensington
Ballarat v Com'wealth Bank
Springvale v Ringwood
Bendigo v Triestina
W.W.F. v Libertas

Interstate reports

The team managers' reports from the Queensland and Tasmanian trips have been presented to Council by Dr. C.

THIS SATURDAY

STATE LEAGUE

Moreland v Richmond
S.M.-Hellas v J.U.S.T.
Slavia v Melbourne
Juventus v Hakoah
George Cross v Polonia
Box Hill v Wilhelmina

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

Moreland v Richmond
S.M.-Hellas v J.U.S.T.
Slavia v Melbourne
Juventus v Hakoah
George Cross v Polonia
Box Hill v Wilhelmina

FIRST DIVISION NORTH

Corio v Fiorentina (p'poned)
Collingwood v Coburg
Moonee Ponds v Sun. City
Croatia v Lions
F'scray v Maccabi (p'poned)

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

Austria v Brighton
Frankston v Yallourn
Preston v South Yarra
Sandringham v Geelong
Ferntree Gully v Dandenong

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Alexander v University
Heidelberg v Fairfield
I.C.I. v Seymour
Norlane Olympia v St. Albans
Williamstown v Sicilia

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Park Rangers v F.N.D.
Moorabbin v Oakleigh
Rosebud v Makedonia
Prahran v Essendon
Trident v Bayswater

FIRST DIVISION NORTH RESERVES

Coburg v Moonee Ponds
Maccabi v Park Rangers
Fiorentina v Footscray
Lions v Prahran
Sunshine City v Moorabbin

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH RESERVES

Austria v Brighton
Frankston v Yallourn
Preston v South Yarra
Sandringham v Geelong
Ferntree Gully v Dandenong

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Kensington v Ballarat
Triestina v W.W.F.
Ringwood v Bendigo
C'wealth Bank v Springvale
Libertas v Florina

DOCKERTY CUP—FOURTH ROUND

Footscray v Fiorentina

Olympic Park games

Saturday August 19: George Cross v Polonia, 2.45 p.m.

Sunday August 20: Under 14 J. J. Liston Cup Final, 1 p.m., S.I.S.F. First Semi-Final, 2.45 p.m.

Saturday August 26: Richmond v S.M.-Hellas, 2.45 p.m.

Sunday August 27: Hakoah v George Cross, 2.45 p.m.

NOTE: State League Reserve teams do NOT play Curtain Raisers at Olympic Park.

Northern League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Roma	18	15	2	1	52	9	32
Cobram	18	14	2	2	72	19	30
City	18	14	1	3	65	18	29
East	18	12	1	5	31	17	25
Lemnos	18	11	2	5	40	12	24
Echuca	18	7	3	8	23	39	17
Tatura	18	6	2	10	29	61	14
G'bower	18	5	3	10	23	12	13
T'berry	18	4	3	11	22	42	11
Cohuna	18	2	3	13	19	61	7
Barmah	18	3	1	14	16	54	7
Tongala	18	1	3	14	15	62	5

RANGERS TRY NEW BLOOD

In a friendly with South Yarra, three new Rangers boys turned out. Corpulent full-back Wolf Scheck, filled his position well, and with the selection committee seeking new talent, this boy could earn his place in either team.

Inside-left, Melvyn Thomas proved to be an asset to the Rangers forward line and should become a permanent fixture in that spot.

Terry Kell, after some time with a Rules side, has returned to Soccer again as a probable right-winger, and

HOW THEY STAND

STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	A	P
George Cross	19	13	4	2	38	11	30
Polonia	19	14	2	3	48	18	30
Wilhelmina	20	12	3	5	47	28	27
Hakoah	20	11	3	6	49	38	25
S.M.-Hellas	20	9	4	7	38	32	22
J.U.S.T.	20	10	1	9	41	31	21
Juventus	20	7	5	8	31	35	19
Melbourne	20	7	4	9	28	34	18
Slavia	19	7	4	8	30	39	18
Moreland	19	3	3	13	26	54	9
Richmond	20	2	5	13	18	48	9
Box Hill	20	3	2	15	17	43	8

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	A	P
George Cross	18	14	3	1	60	17	31
Wilhelmina	20	12	3	5	52	35	27
Box Hill	20	10	5	5	39	32	25
Hakoah	20	11	2	7	44	30	24
Juventus	20	8	6	6	42	41	22
Polonia	19	8	4	7	38	32	20
Melbourne	20	8	4	8	46	46	20
Slavia	20	9	2	9	29	42	20
J.U.S.T.	18	6	1	11	35	49	13
S.M.-Hellas	20	5	3	12	38	53	13
Richmond	20	5	2	13	37	57	12
Moreland	19	1	5	13	26	52	7

FIRST NORTH

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	A	P
Croatia	16	13	1	2	62	18	27
Lions	16	13	0	3	54	14	26
Fiorentina	16	11	3	2	36	10	25
Sunshine City	16	9	3	4	41	24	21
Footscray	15	5	4	6	35	34	14
Moonee Ponds	16	5	4	7	25	31	14
Corio	16	7	0	9	28	46	14
Maccabi	16	3	2	11	21	60	8
Collingwood	15	2	2	11	20	37	6
Coburg	16	1	1	14	12	60	3

FIRST SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	A	P
Preston	16	14	2	0	54	17	30
Brighton	16	11	0	5	48	25	22
Austria	16	10	1	5	48	28	21
Ferntree Gully	16	10	0	6	39	24	20
Dandenong	16	9	1	6	45	27	19
Yallourn	16	5	2	9	30	39	12
Geelong	16	4	3	9	27	40	11
Sandringham	16	4	3	9	20	39	11
Frankston	16	3	3	10	27	69	9
South Yarra	16	1	3	12	21	51	5

SECOND NORTH

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	A	P
Alexander	16	14	1	1	83	14	29
Sicilia	16	12	2	2	54	20	26
University	16	12	1	3	42	11	25
Williamstown	16	9	3	4	43	24	21
Norlane-Olympia	16	8	4	4	41	34	20
Fairfield	16	5	1	10	48	42	11
Heidelberg	16	3	4	9	16	38	10
St. Albans	16	3	2	11	21	56	8
Seymour	16	2	2	12	24	90	6
I.C.I.	16	1	2	13	24	67	4

SECOND SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	A	P
Makedonia	16	12	2	2	39	21	26
Oakleigh	16	10	4	2	46	24	24
Moorabbin	16	8	2	6	46	31	18
Park Rangers	16	7	4	5	48	39	18
Bayswater	16	7	3	6	43	29	17
Prahran	16	6	2	8	41	37	14
Trident	16	6	2	8	25	36	14
Rosebud	16	5	1	10	26	44	11
F.N.D.	16	4	2	10	28	41	10
Essendon	16	3	2	11	20	60	8

FIRST NORTH RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	A	P
Lions	16	13	2	1	75	16	28
Footscray	16	10	4	2	56	15	24
Sunshine City	16	9	3	4	50	21	21
Prahran	16	9	3	4	50	32	21
Fiorentina	16	8	1	7	26	42	17
Moonee Ponds	16	5	3	8	29	32	13
Park Rangers	16	5	3	8	33	43	13
Maccabi	16	4	0	12	23	53	8
Moorabbin	16	3	2	11	23	69	8
Coburg	16	3	1	12	21	63	7

WEST AUSTRALIAN RESULTS

Association — Saturday — Association Cup (first round replay):—Perth City-Inglewood 2, Kiev-Victoria Park 1. **Charity Cup (third round):** — Midland Juventus 3, Julia 2. **First division:** Swan Valley 7, Medina 4. **Second division:** Great Alexander 3, Malta United 3; Melita 5, Maccabean 3; Queens Park drew with Malayan Tigers 3; Macedonia 2, Emu Rangers 0. **Reserve division:** Caledonian 2, Julia 0; Vastese 5, Swan Valley 2; Cottesloe 5, Perth City-Inglewood 5; Sport United 4, Medina 2; Kiev-Victoria Park 3, Melita 1.

Federation — Saturday —First division: Olympic 2, Azzurri 1; Athena 1, Fremantle City 1; North Perth-Olympic 4, Azzurri 0; Fremantle City 3, Athena 0; North Perth-Osborne 6, Cracovia 0; Swan Athletic 3, South Perth 0.

Yesterday — First division: East Fremantle-Tricolore 4, Windmills 3. **Reserve division:** East Fremantle-Tricolore-Windmills match abandoned.

Park Rangers beat Makedonia

The Rangers, playing clever, constructive soccer, outpaced and outplayed an overconfident Makedonia to win 4-2.

Outside left Connelly netted twice.

Heroes of the match were half-backs Watson, Lazenby

FIRST SOUTH RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	A	P
Austria	16	11	3	2	64	21	25
Brighton	16	9	4	3	42	29	22
Dandenong	16	9	3	4	40	24	21
Sandringham	16	8	3	5	37	21	19
Preston	16	7	4	5	24	15	18
Ferntree Gully	16	6	4	6	38	43	16
Yallourn	16	7	0	9	25	34	14
Frankston	16	3	5	8	32	52	11
Geelong	16	4	0	12	23	54	8
South Yarra	16	1	4	11	18	50	6

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	A	P
Libertas	16	13	1	2	64	20	27
Florina	16	11	2	3	58	26	24
Ballarat	16	11	1	4	75	22	23
Ringwood	16	8	5	3	60	27	21
Kensington	16	8	1	7	41	30	17
Bendigo	16	6	2	8	65	48	14
Triestina	16	7	0	9	29	30	14
W.W.F.	16	6	2	8	26	51	14
Springvale	16	3	0	13	20	62	6
C'wealth Banks	16	0	0	16	6	128	0

INTERSTATE SOCCER

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

League: Juventus 3, Polonia 0; Lion 2, Orange 1; Cumberland 3, Croatia 1; Budapest 2, Beograd 0;

First Division: Birkalla 6, Sturt 0; Victoria 2, Port Adelaide 0; Edinburgh 2, Elizabeth 0; Enfield 3, Salisbury 1.

Second Division: South Adelaide 2, Malta United 1; Austria 7, University 1; Kingswood 2, Windsor Athletic 1; Weapons Research 4, Mitcham 1.

LEAGUE

	W	L	D	F	A	P
Budapest	14	3	1	49	17	29
Croatia	13	3	2	44	24	28
Juventus	12	3	3	47	18	27
Lion	8	8	2	32	34	18
Cumberl'd	6	11	1	33	45	13
Orange	5	12	1	23	46	11
Beograd	5	13	—	26	42	10
Polonia	3	13	2	19	47	8

FIRST DIVISION

	W	L	D	F	A	P
Victoria	14	3	1	54	27	29
Birkalla	13	3	2	59	25	28
Enfield	11	5	2	44	27	24
Salisbury	9	7	2	45	33	20
Edinb'rgh	6	8	4	35	28	16
Sturt	5	13	—	35	59	10
Elizabeth	4	13	1	26	63	9
Port	3	13	2	27	53	8

QLD.

Tristram Shield: Hellenic 3, Oxley 1; Azzurri 4, Y.M.-C.A. 0.

Guthrie Shield: Dinmore 8, Oxley Reserves 0.

N.S.W.

FED. 1st Div.: Hakoah 1, Polonia 1; Bankstown 6, Sydney Austral 2; Canterbury 3, Auburn 1; Pan Hellenic 0, Apia 3; Gladesville 3, Budapest 5; Prague 3, Sth. Coast 1.

2nd Div.: Balgownie 1, Blacktown 0; Corinthians 2, Concordia 0; Croatia 3, Lidcombe 3; Manly 1, Julia 0; Sutherland 1, Toongabbie 1.

Points score:—Yugal 31, Balgownie 27, Granville 26, Blacktown, Croatia 23, Sutherland 22, Corinthians 20, Toongabbie 14, Manly 9, Concordia 8, Lidcombe 7, Julia 6.

COMPETITION TABLE

	W	L	D	F	A	P
Prague	13	3	2	48	26	28
Canterb'y	11	4	3	45	24	25
Polonia-N.S.	9	4	5	41	35	23
Hakoah	8	4	6	51	33	22
P.-Hellenic	9	5	4	36	31	22
Budapest	9	7	2	46	40	20
Apia	8	8	2	45	39	18
Auburn	6	7	5	36	29	17
Bankstown	6	8	4	34	34	16
Gladesville	5	10	3	31	38	13
S. Coast	5	12	1	32	50	11
S. Austral	—	17	1	23	89	1

Lions eat the Rangers

A disorganised Ranger team was thrashed 5-0 by a strong, speedy Lions side. The Ranger defence vainly tried to stem the onslaught, but were helpless in the face of such powerful foes.

Inside-left Thomas and right winger Keil made valiant attempts to drive home attacks, but lacked support from other forwards, making it even more difficult for the hard-pressed defence to clear their lines.

Southern Div.— Illawarra Districts — 1st grade: — Fernhill 4, Warrawong 0; Russell Vale 2, North Wollongong 0; Helensburgh 6, Bulli Workers 0; E.P.T. 1, Thirroul 1. Reserve grade: Fernhill 2, Warrawong 0; Russell Vale 3, North Wollongong 0; E.P.T. 3, Thirroul 1; Helensburgh 3, Bulli Workers 3.

TASMANIA

Falkinder Cup: South Hobart d. Rapid 3-0; Rangers v. Metro abandoned 0-0; University d. Croatia 3-2.

SAM'S Selections

By Sam Kemp, our Pools expert.

Here are my U.K. Pools selections for August 26:—

1 Aston V. v Chelsea
1 Burnley v Bolton
x Cardiff v Blackpool
2 Fulham v Everton
2 Ipswich v Man. City
1 Leicester v West Brom
1 Man. Utd. v Blackburn
1 Notts F. v Sheff. Utd.
1 Sheff. Wed. v Birm'ham.
1 Tottenham v Arsenal
1 Wolves v West Ham
x Brighton v Swansea
1 Bury v Scunthorpe
1 Charlton v Norwich
1 Derby v Walsall
1 Hudd'field v South'ton
2 Leyton O. v Midd'boro
1 Liverpool v Leeds
x Plymouth v Luton
1 Preston v Newcastle
1 Rotherham v Bristol R.
1 Sunderland v Stoke
1 Barnsley v Q.P.R.
1 Bourn'mth v Torquay
x Bradford v Notts C.
1 Brentford v Reading
1 Bristol C. v Shewsbury
1 Cristal P. v Swindon
1 Grimsby v Southend
x Hull v North'ton
1 Portsmouth v Halifax
2 Port V. v Peter'boro
1 Watford v Lincoln
1 Accrington v Chester
1 Aldershot v Bradford C.
x Crewe v Rochdale
1 Darlington v Tranmere
1 Doncaster v Millwall
1 Exeter v Barrow
1 Hart'pools v Southport
1 Oldham v Colchester
1 Stockport v Carlisle
x Work'ton v Gill'ham
1 Wrexham v Mansfield
1 York v Chesterfield
1 Aberdeen v Dunf'mline
2 Airdrie v Dundee
1 Celtic v Partrick
2 Dundee U. v Motherwell
1 Hibernian v St. John
1 Kill'mock v St. Mirren
2 Raith R. v Hearts
1 Rangers v T. Lanark
2 Brechin v East Fife
1 Dumb'ton v Ayr Utd.
1 E. Stirling v Forfar A.
1 Hamilton v Montrose
2 Morton v Q. Park
1 Stirling A. v Alloa
1 Stranraer v Berwick R.

Here are my four aways:—

2 Ipswich v Man. City

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ALEXANDER S.C. are all set for their match with George Cross in the 5th Round of the Dockerty Cup. And what a game it will be!

From left. Front row: M. Triantafyllidis (captain), C. Racovalis, V. Kotsovoulos, C. Xanthopoulos, N. Tsatsaklas, C. Zigomanis, J. Ninis.

Second row: A. Hagigeorgiou, C. Beldaris (goalkeeper), G. Dinis, C. Boubis (Res. goalie), D. Coumares, N. Romanidis.

Croatia should tame the Lions

By RUSSELL LEA

The winner of the First Division North match of-the-day, between Croatia and Lions will go one step further towards promotion. Croatia must win because they face another hard match next week against Fiorentina away from home.

The last time Lions and Croatia met, Croatia won 2-0 but with so much at stake in this game, the result will be much closer.

Even though Lions are a good team, Croatia have more at stake than their opponents and have a greater incentive to win.

My choice is Croatia to win by a narrow margin.

If Lions lose, it will be no disgrace, for in their first season back in the first division, they have played well to finish among the three leading teams and to contest promotion at the end of the year.

Relegatees, Collingwood and Coburg, meet at Collingwood, and the home team has the form and the incentive to win, for they stand a slender chance of moving out of the relegation zone.

In the other match between Moonee Ponds and Sunshine City, the visitors should win what is expected to be a dull game.

Likely Winners: — **Collingwood, Sunshine City, Croatia.**

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

University meet Alexander.

Three weeks ago this match appeared to be the game of the season with the winner probably becoming the champion team in the second Division North for the season 1961.

However, Alexander's tremendous form in recent weeks and University's lack of fighting spirit points to an Alexander victory.

Alexander are a five goal better team than University and top Second Division goalie, Yan Maart, will be severely tested, as the unsettled University defence is likely to collapse when the pressure is on.

St. Albans, who haven't won for weeks, meet Norlane Olympia who have lost their early season form. Norlane Olympia are favoured.

Likely Winners:— **Alexander, Heidelberg, Seymour, Norlane Olympia, Williamstown.**

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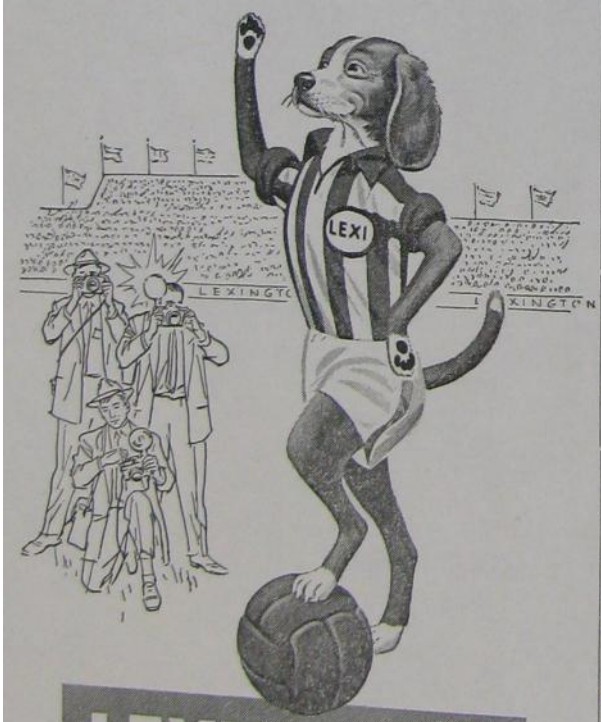

LEXINGTON

from America's Best Tobaccos

The Fred Villiers Column

SOCCER in Melbourne is booming but a boom can easily fade if the impetus is allowed to fall away. I don't think anybody will deny that soccer has more goodwill today than ever before. All that is needed is a combined, non-squabbling, unselfish effort and our game moves into the No. 1 spot in Australia.

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MAKE no mistake, big plans are afoot. Enthusiasm is everywhere — but in some quarters it is a disjointed enthusiasm. There is too much of the sly wink and the surpetitious whisper, the veiled threat and the disgruntled murmur. Air your views by all means but come out into the open and discuss your problems. Undercover "politics" never helped any sport.

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YOUR Council is a hard-working body and the men you appointed are there to help you. Keep the round ball rolling in Melbourne by giving soccer your 100 per cent support.

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WE predicted in May that Melbourne soccer was heading for a record year. Now in August we can boast the biggest attendances for League games in the Commonwealth, and that's saying something when one considers that we in Melbourne are in the middle of the other code's stronghold.

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LOOKING at the big Olympic Park crowd last Sunday, many officials dreamed of the future. Some forecast attendances of 30,000 for the main game by 1970. Wishful thinking? I don't think so. When you look back five or six years and compare the growth of our game here, you'll realise that these figures are possible. As a soccer fan you should continue your support. "I'll bring someone with me" should your motto for the final rounds. Let's swell that Park "gate" to over the 20,000 mark before the season ends!

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LOOKING for a coach? If so, there's a good man on the market. He's Len Young, of 42 Asling Street, West Preston (JU 4071). Len, a former West Ham United centre-half, has studied soccer coaching at Birmingham University. He was in charge of the Youth International team which toured Europe in 1952, and two years later was appointed Director of Coaching for VASFA. Len also coached Sth. Melbourne-Hellas recently. He has a lot of coaching brains and it seems a pity that they are being shelved.

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BAYSWATER Secretary H. Vollmer boasts that his club has the best training facilities in the Second Division.

BAYSWATER have made a big catch in D. White, from First Division Scottish Club Dumbarton. They tell me Dumbarton have slipped since he left and are now in the Second Division. But teams need not worry, Mr. White will not take the field for Bayswater. He'll be their coach!

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ROSEBUD Secretary says there should be closer contact between clubs. I agree. Suggest there should be closer contact between country clubs and this newspaper too!

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ONE of the best country soccer magazines "Valley Soccer" has folded through lack of support. This must have been a blow to hard-working Editor Andy Henderson. Latrobe Valley soccerites will miss this bright and informative paper. Let's hope it will be on sale again next season.

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ROSEBUD is about to bloom into a soccer force down on the Mornington Peninsula. Secretary John Norberhuis and Treasurer Jim Chaundy tell me they're expecting a new enlarged ground next season.

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PARK Rangers will play a charity match at Rosebud during the September 16 weekend. A dance also will be held. If you're looking for a good soccer weekend make this a date. And if you want to stay overnight, there's plenty of room at the Rosebud Hotel at this time of the year.

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DON SUTHERLAND and his merry men did a good job organising a dance in aid of Sandringham City club last week. Nice gesture to invite Yallourn — the team which beat them 4-2 the same afternoon!

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CONGRATULATIONS George Imberger, Bayswater S.C. goalkeeper, on winning the J. Methven and Co. Pty. Ltd., "Sport Star of the Week Award." I understand the trophy is given to a player each week and is chosen as the best from all codes. George, incidentally, earned his award for his great performance against Makedonia at Royal Park.

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YOU can easily pick Bayswater's trainer Bill Robertson as an ex-Army man. The other night he gave himself away. Instead of ordering the boys to "Put arms on shoulders," his Sergeant-major's voice bellowed "Shoulder arms!"

Son to the McPhees

Referee Jim McPhee was presented with a beautiful boy by his wife. Mother and son are doing well.

Best wishes from all the Referee's fraternity.